

official report, which records fighting on the Turkish Road, which traverses the Uzok Pass.

There is no official news as yet of operations in the Dardanelles or the North Sea, but in the latter region there is evidence of activity by the Germans, who have sunk or captured several neutral vessels. The Danish steamer Nidares was captured; the Norwegian bark Oscar and Eva and the Danish steamer Ruth were torpedoed by submarines; the Norwegian steamer Capriv was blown up by a mine off the English coast, while the Finnish steamer Frack was torpedoed in the Baltic.

Diplomats are watching Italy, which apparently has not yet reached a decision on her future attitude. The fact that the meeting of the council of ministers called for to-day was postponed would seem to indicate that negotiations between Italy and the German allies still are proceeding, or that Italy is waiting for a final answer to her demands for territorial concessions.

ALLIES AND GERMANS IN DESPERATE CLASH

LONDON, April 24.—Over a ten-mile arc-like front in Belgian Flanders, touching the region of Bixchoote on the north and St. Eloi on the south, French, British and Belgian troops are locked with the Germans in a series of engagements which recall the stupendous struggles of last October.

Driven from hill No. 60, south of Ypres, and failing to retake it by a counterattack, the Germans have launched a sudden advance northward, and, after stupefying and killing men in the first trenches with deadly gases, according to British official reports, have driven in a wedge of infantry that at some points forced the French and Belgians back across the Yser (Ypres) Canal, and compelled the British line north of Ypres to fall back to conform with the French.

Although the German advance was considerable, extending, Berlin declares, over a front of five miles, the allies, with the French occupying the center, the Belgians the left and the British the right, started immediately a counterattack, and compelled the Germans to give up some of the ground they had taken.

Some of the London newspapers characterize this German rush as another desperate attempt to reach Calais. Some estimates say Emperor William has 500,000 men available for this effort.

By this time the British presumably are well strengthened, and have consolidated their position on hill No. 60. The hardest fighting, consequently, is expected north of Ypres.

Just as the Germans have been battering the Ypres salient, so the French continue their pressure at St. Mihiel, and with some success.

The campaign in the east continues at a standstill, and there has been no authentic news of the movements of allied troops in European Turkey.

FUMES PREVENT GERMANS FROM OCCUPYING TRENCHES

PARIS, April 24.—The attack with asphyxiating gas in the German advance near Ypres was overdone, and lingering fumes prevented the Germans from occupying the evacuated trenches until the French had recovered and made a successful counter-attack with bayonets, according to information reaching Paris.

The bombs were thrown at numerous points along a front of three miles. They contained a chloride mixture, and were thrown when the wind was blowing toward the French trenches. The fumes caused uncomfortable breathing and a smarting of the eyes at a distance of nearly two miles behind the trenches.

The bombs are thrown by means of a hand-launcher.

ALLIED AEROPLANES SHOW GREAT ACTIVITY

PARIS, April 24.—Allied aeroplanes are showing great activity over Smyrna, says a dispatch from Saloniki. A French aviator recently dropped bombs on Fort Kastro, killing several soldiers, sinking a German ship lying in port and damaging the railroad station.

Observations made by aviators, according to the dispatch, indicate that the Turkish forces assigned for the defense of Smyrna number 35,000. They occupy trenches extending from Vour-lap to Smyrna, and are posted on heights commanding the city.

Ports Two Brothers and Rastrati have been repaired. A new fortification, built above the farm of St. George, has been armed with thirty heavy guns.

WHAT WARRING NATIONS CLAIM IN THEIR OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

French.

PARIS, April 24 (via London).—To-day's French war statement says:

"Supplementary reports furnish fuller particulars of the way the Germans succeeded in forcing our lines back during Thursday evening north of Ypres between the Yser Canal and the Bockappelle road. Thick, yellow smoke emitted from the German trenches, and driven by northerly winds, produced an effect of complete asphyxiation among our troops, which was felt even in our second-line positions.

"Counterattacks made yesterday already have enabled us to regain part of the ground lost. Our situation has been completely consolidated, and our action is being carried out under good conditions with the support of the British and Belgian troops.

"The enemy made an attack at Les Eparges and another at Lwues-head, in the forest of Apremont, both of which were repulsed.

"A German attack south of the forest of Parroy and further attacks on Reichackerkopf were stopped by our fire.

"The enemy suffered heavy losses." The following official communication was issued by the War Office to-night:

"To the north of Ypres the Germans during the night of April 23-24 and during Saturday made strenuous efforts to avail themselves of the surprise they had engineered the day before yesterday with their asphyxiating gases. Their attempts failed.

"On Saturday at daybreak, on the left bank of the Yser, they had succeeded in carrying the village of Lizerne. The French Zouaves and Belgian Carabiniers, however, through a vigorous attack, recaptured the village, which we soon left behind.

"In conjunction with the Belgian army, we made perceptible progress on our left. On our right we advanced more slowly.

"During that time the British troops were subjected to a fierce attack. They immediately replied by a counterattack, the result of which is not yet known.

"In Champagne, on the northern salient of the Beauséjour block-house, the Germans exploded five powerful mines near our trenches. Despite the violence of the explosion, our troops, outstripping the enemy, at once occupied the excavations, which were about seventy-five feet in diameter.

"Very fierce encounters have taken place in the Ailly wood, where the Germans are making desperate efforts to recapture the 700 meters of trenches (about half a mile) which we took from them on April 22. Thus we were forced to evacuate this morning a section of these trenches, but we retook it during the course of the day, and now hold it.

"In the forest of Apremont and at the Tete-de-Vache (Cow's Head) the enemy shelled our positions violently, but there was no further attack."

English.

LONDON, April 24.—The War Office to-day gave out the following official note:

"The fight for the ground into which the Germans penetrated between Steenstraat and Langemark still continues. The loss of this

part of the line laid bare the left of the Canadian division, which was forced to fall back to keep in touch with the right of neighboring troops. In the rear of the latter had been four Canadian 4.7-inch guns, which thus passed into the hands of the enemy.

"But some hours later the Canadians made a most brilliant and successful advance, recapturing these guns and taking a considerable number of German prisoners, including a colonel.

"The Canadians had many casualties, but their gallantry and determination undoubtedly saved the situation. Their conduct has been magnificent throughout."

Russian.

PETROGRAD, April 24 (via London).—The following Russian official statement was given out to-night:

"In the Carpathians during April 22 and the night of April 23 the Austrians, after long preparations with heavy guns, delivered a series of attacks against the heights occupied by us in the region of Polen, but they were repulsed with enormous losses. The Austrians also failed in attempts in the daytime on the 23rd to attack our positions in the region of Volosata.

"To-day we progressed in the region of Teletsch and further south-east of Siarka. Our troops, after desperate fighting, captured a series of important hills.

"Elsewhere on our front there have been only fusillades and cannonading."

German.

BERLIN, April 24 (by wireless).—The German official statement to-day follows:

"Attempts made by the enemy to reconquer a lost terrain north and northeast of Ypres (Belgium) failed. The French and British attacks broke down under the German fire. The number of prisoners—French, English and Belgian—rose to 2,470. The pieces of cannon captured up to the present total thirty-five. In addition a large number of machine guns and rifles and much ammunition and other war material were taken by the Germans. West of the Ypres Canal the Germans stormed the town of Lizerne.

"In the Champagne region the Germans blasted an enemy trench. Near Beauséjour the French shelled their own trenches with artillery.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle French attacks failed. The enemy who had entered the German trenches were ejected.

"In the forest of Le Pretre the Germans made progress.

"In the Vosges there were no war operations on account of the fog and snow.

"In the eastern war arena there is no change in the situation."

Austrian.

VIENNA, April 24 (via London).—The War Office gave out the following statement to-day:

"At some points near Uzok Pass heavy artillery engagements are proceeding, with some Russian day attacks, which were repulsed. Russian night attacks along and west of the Turkish road failed, with great losses to the enemy.

"Otherwise the situation is unchanged."

supposed to have been brought from Constantinople.

GREECE READY TO UNITE WITH ALLIES IN DARDANELLES

PARIS, April 24.—Christakos Sogrophos, Foreign Minister of Greece, is quoted to-day by the Information as declaring Greece is ready to unite with the allies in the Dardanelles operations if invited to do so. The information says M. Sogrophos made this statement to Hubert Jacques, its correspondent. Up to the present time, he said, Greece had not been asked to co-operate with the allies. The Foreign Minister is quoted as saying the war policy of his Cabinet is identical with that of M. Venizelos, the former Premier, whose retirement generally has been understood to have been due to his desire for Greece's participation

in the war on the side of the allies. "It simply is a question of the propitious moment," the Foreign Minister is quoted as saying.

WILHELMINA AT CARDIFF

Will Discharge Cargo Purchased by British Government.

LONDON, April 24.—The American steamer Wilhelmina, whose food cargo has been bought by the British government, has reached Cardiff from Plymouth. She now will discharge her cargo, which originally was consigned to Hamburg.

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RUPTURE BETWEEN VILLA AND ANGELES REPORTED

Carranza Agency Gives Out Story, but Washington Officials Cannot Confirm It.

OBREGON'S BROTHER KILLED

Aged Man, Living Peacefully in Guadalupe, Is Taken Prisoner and Then Executed by Villa in Revenge for Recent Defeat.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—A serious rupture between General Villa and his chief lieutenant, General Angeles, was reported to the Carranza agency here to-day in a message from Eagle Pass, Tex. General Villa, the message added, had ordered his personal followers to Torreon, where he was concentrating garrisons from towns along the border.

General Angeles remained at Aguascalientes, it was said, to meet the advance of General Obregon from Irapuato. State Department officials said they had no knowledge of a break between Villa and Angeles.

The text of the Eagle Pass message, as given out at the Carranza agency to-night, is:

"The serious breach between Villa and the ex-Federals serving under him, caused by Villa laying all the blame for his recent defeats upon the cowardice of the ex-Federals, and this charge embracing General Angeles, has caused Villa to order all his followers to concentrate at Torreon. Urbana has evacuated San Luis Potosi and proceeded to Lacerata, where he is covering the retreat of Villa. All the garrisons along the border have been ordered to evacuate and concentrate at Torreon without delay. This leaves

General Angeles, Raoul and Emilio Madero to face the brunt of Obregon's advance toward the north."

OBREGON'S BROTHER IS KILLED BY VILLA'S ORDER

NEW YORK, April 24.—Francesco S. Elias, Carranza consul here, announced to-day he had received a telegram from General Obregon, asserting that General Obregon's brother, Francisco, taken prisoner by Villa and sent to Chihuahua, had been shot by Villa's order. General Obregon's telegram said: "Villa, to avenge himself upon me for the defeat which my troops have inflicted upon him, has arrested and sent my brother, Francisco Obregon, a man seventy years of age, a prisoner to Chihuahua. He was living peacefully in Guadalupe, and was a non-combatant. He took issue with neither of the factions. When Villa fled from the city, he ordered that he be arrested. This is nothing more than revenge which he is seeking from me for the defeat which he suffered."

Another dispatch from General Obregon, Mr. Elias asserted, said General Obregon had sent a telegram to Villa, pointing out that his brother was a feeble old man and a non-combatant, and requesting his release. The only reply received to this message, Mr. Elias said the dispatch stated, was a message from Villa which read: "Your brother has been shot."

BARNES ANXIOUS FOR DAY IN COURT

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neys to get at least a part of their testimony before the jury. Mr. Barnes is expected to return here to-morrow from Albany.

PENROSE DECLARES COLONEL IS MISTAKEN

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—United States Senator Penrose said to-day that Colonel Roosevelt was in error yesterday when he declared upon the witness stand at Syracuse that he had prevented the selection of Penrose in 1904 as chairman of the Republican National Committee. Senator Penrose said he was not a

candidate for national chairman in 1904, was not aware that he had even been suggested for the place, but if that was so, the use of his name was without his knowledge or consent.

"I was strongly in favor of the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt in 1904," Senator Penrose said, "notwithstanding the secret efforts put forth by Mr. Hanna and others to defeat him."

MAYOR ROBERTS GUILTY

Terre Haute Council Convicts Him on Impeachment Charges.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., April 24.—Donn M. Roberts, Mayor of Terre Haute, recently sent to Leavenworth Prison for election frauds, was found guilty on impeachment charges to-day by the City Council. His attorneys said the impeachment would be appealed to the courts.

The impeachment charges included allegations that Roberts illegally ordered warrants drawn to pay attorneys' fees in personal cases; that he attempted to bribe City Councilmen to vote for a boundary ordinance, and that he had been convicted of a felony.

CRUISE FOR NAVAL MILITIA

Dates Announced for District of Columbia and North Carolina.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Naval militia of the District of Columbia and North Carolina will have their annual summer cruise from July 3 to 16, Secretary Daniels announced to-day. They will embark and disembark at Hampton Roads, but their battleship has not yet been designated.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEWPORT, R. I., April 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Andrews announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Margaret Andrews, to Morgan Belmont, son of August Belmont, of New York. The wedding will be quietly celebrated here late in August, as Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are in mourning. Mr. Belmont is a graduate of Harvard.

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